CLAIMS

Claims 1-12 (cancelled)

13. (Currently amended) A computer based method for processing multimedia data including the steps of:

providing at least one selected essence data, wherein essence data represents information being directly perceptible by a user,

providing a metadata template to be used to form at least a first metadata,

providing at least one of a list of links to a plurality of second essence data and a list of a plurality of second metadata,

determining at least one of: that at least one metadata link is a link and is in the list of links <u>that</u> points to said selected essence data ~~and,~~ and that at least one of the second metadata has a metadata link pointing to said selected essence data, and

forming said at least first metadata on the basis of said at least one selected essence data and metadata associated with said determined metadata link by applying said metadata template.

14. (Previously presented) Method according to claim 13, wherein said at least first metadata is formed by using in an MD-essence space of said metadata template metadata essence associated with said determined metadata link.

15. (Previously presented) Method according to claim 13, wherein the determined metadata has at least one second metadata link, and wherein the first metadata is formed by adding said at least one second metadata link into an MD-link space of said metadata template.

16. (Previously presented) Method according to claim 13, wherein the determined metadata has at least one second metadata link pointing to at least one third metadata, and wherein the third metadata is used for forming said first metadata.

17. (Previously presented) Method according to claim 13, wherein the step of forming said at least first metadata is performed by a graphic user interface.

18. (Previously presented) A computer based device for processing multimedia data comprising:

a first storing means for providing at least one selected essence data, wherein essence data represents information being directly perceptible by a user,

second storing means for providing a metadata-template to be used to form at least a first metadata,

third storing means for providing at least one of a list of links to a plurality of second essence data and a list of a plurality of second metadata,

first processing means connected to said first, second and third storing means for determining at least one of: said metadata link is in the list of links points to said selected essence data, and said at least one of the second metadata has a metadata link pointing to said selected essence data, and

second processing means connected to said first, second and third storing means for forming said at least first metadata on the basis of said at least one selected essence data and metadata associated with said determined metadata link by applying said metadata template.

19. (Previously presented) Device according to claim 18, wherein said at least first metadata is formable by using in an MD-essence space of said metadata template metadata essence associated with said determined metadata link.

20. (Previously presented) Device according to claim 18, wherein the determined metadata has at least one second metadata link, and wherein the first metadata is formed by adding said at least one second metadata link into an MD-link space of said metadata template.

21. (Previously presented) Device according to claim 18, wherein the determined metadata has at least one valid second metadata link pointing to at least one third metadata, and wherein the third metadata is used for forming said first metadata.

22. (Previously presented) Device according to claim 18, further including a graphic user interface connected to said first and second processing means for forming said at least first metadata.